New automobile policy

57. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT : Will the Minister ot INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to announce a new (automobile policy; and

(b> if so, what are the main features of the policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRl M. ARUNACHALAM); (a) and (b) This matter is under considers tion of the Government.

Shortage of LPG Refills

58. SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whelher it is *i*> fact that there is shortage of LPG refills in Delhi and the consumers are supplied refills after one week of the booking m;ide with the dealer;

(b) if so, what ar<? the reasons of the short supply of LPG refills;

(c) whether Governmen; are aware of the difficulties and inconvenience being experienced oy the consumers for not getting LPG refills for one week or so; and

(d) what efforts nave been made by Government to ensure supply of refills Io the LPG consumers within the shortest possible time?

THE MTNISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL HAS (SHRT CHANDRA SHEKHAR SlNGH): (a) to (c) There was teorn^ backlog in supply of refills in Delhi/New Delhi recently. The main reasons w»re °s follows'

(i) Increased winter demand.

(ii) Reduced bottling at Shakurbasti (Delhi) danfs of Indian Oil Corporation and Bharat Petroleum Corporation, following erratic functioning of filling machines and weighing systems,

(iii) Law and Order situation in some areas of Old Delhi.

(d) Extra supplies were arranged from Mathura, Koyaii, Bombay and Allahabad. With rectiiicatory s.eps at the Shakurbasti bottling plants, have ing been completed, the situation has improved.

Electrification of villages throughnon-conventional sources of energy

59. SHRl J- P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whelher there is any proposal under Government's consideration for electrification of villages through non-conventional sources of energy;

(b) • if so, what steps have been taken in this regard;

(c) whether die State Electricity Boards have been advised in this respect; and

(d) if so, the guidelines issued to them in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (d) The programme of initial electrification through provision of solar photovoltaic street lighting units wns taken up as a demonstration programme by the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources through the Rural Electrification Corporation, State Electricity Boards and State Renewable Energy Agencies. So far, over 200 villages have been provided with photovoltaic street lights and in some cases with photovoltaic systems for community facilities. Electrification of villages in remote and backward aireas using non-conventional energy sources has been included in the Seventh Plan document also. The Department of Non-Convent ionnl Energy Sources and the Rural Electrification

Corporation are developing a suitable programme. The exent of this programme wiH depend on financial resources that may be made available lor ihis purpose. Meanwhile, the installation of solar photovoltaic streets lights and lights for community uses in additional villages is continuing. The Rural Electriiicaton Corporation have advised State Electricity Boards that they can take lip electrification of remote villages by means of solar photovoltaic devices under this programme and set off the expenditure for part of the cos: against loans by REC for rural electrification.

New model of Maruti Car

60. SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maruti Udyog Limited has suspended the production of cars;

(b) if so, since when and what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fac; that it proposes to change tne model of the Maruti Car and revise its prices;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(e) by when the changed model shall reach the customers and what shall be its price?

THE MTNISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Maruti Udyog Limited suspended its production in middle of March, 1986 for the purpose of installing facilities required to expand its production capacity.

(c) to (e) The Company is bringing out an updated model of the Saloon car in mid 1.986 which would be more fuel efficient and technologically better compared to the existing model. Its price is yet *to* be announced by the company.

Setting un of a Bench of Allahabad High Court for Western U.P.

61. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH [MALAVIYA: WiH the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to si:

(a) whether it is a fact that the S.ate Government of Uttar Pi has recently recommended Central Government ;o estal Bench ot Allahabad High Co.: Western District and if so, when this recommendation was n

(b> whether Government are a that an agitation is going on in Allahabad led by Advocates a ;ihe demand .for the establish a bench of the Allahabad High Court in Western U.P.

(c) whether it is also a fact '.that advocates of Allahabad High Court have threa:ened that in case a Bench was established for Western districts they will start a forceful agitation division of the State; and

(d) whether advocates of some Western districts are agitating in favour of establishment of a Bench for Western district's and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ); (a) No, Sir. A proposal for establishment of a Bench of the Allahabad High Court for the Western districts of Uttar Pradesh was however, received from the State Government ir. its letter dated 14th March. 1981.

(b) and (c) The Government have seen press reports regarding agitation by the lawyers of Allahabad High Court against the establishment of a Bench of the Allahabad High Court for the Western districts of Uttar Pradesh.

(d) The Government is aware of the agitation by lawyers of western districts of Uttar Pradesh for the establishment of a Bench of the Allahabad High Court in that area.